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House Civil Justice Subcommittee to Address Personal Injury Protection

Tallahassee, Fla. – The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, January 25. The committee will consider CS/HB 119 regarding Motor Vehicle Insurance. The bill is sponsored by Representative Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton). Previously, CS/HB 119 was passed by the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee.

Currently, all registered motor vehicle owners in Florida are required to have Personal Injury Protection insurance, often referred to as PIP. While PIP was intended to reduce litigation and provide payment for medical expenses for injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes, the number of PIP claims has grown significantly in recent years despite a declining number of auto accidents in Florida. Additionally, PIP has become a source of auto insurance fraud. CS/HB 119 seeks to correct this problem by among other things, narrowing the scope of PIP coverage to emergency medical care.

For more information, please read a OPI <u>Pulse Overview of Personal Injury Protection (PIP)</u> from the House Office of Public Information.

ALL INTERESTED MEDIA ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND:

What: House Civil Justice Subcommittee

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EST

Location: 404 House Office Building

Tallahassee, FL